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Cancer Survivors Day to be celebrated at Martin Memorial

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For the 19th year the nation is celebrating National Cancer Survivors Day as more people than ever before are surviving cancer, thanks to early detection and new treatments. Sunday is the official day, but in Martin County it is being recognized today at the Robert and Carol Weissman Cancer Center at Martin Memorial Medical Center in Stuart.

Jana Carrington, author of *A Touch of Hope — A Caregiver's Survival Guide*, is the speaker at a program to honor local survivors co-hosted by Martin Memorial and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society from noon to 2 p.m. Carrington and her husband both survived cancer and are committed to helping patients and caregivers.

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The event is a celebration with a Wild West theme, and lunch will be served. If you would call the cancer center this morning at (772) 223-5945, Ext. 3736. The center is at 501 E. Parking is available in the garage next to the cancer center.

D-Day anniversary

Tuesday is the 62nd anniversary of D-Day on the coast of Normandy, which changed the World War II. There will be a remembrance at the Blake Library led by retired U.S. Naval Reserve Capt. **Carl Keske**. Keske served 30 years as a navigator and weapons officer on the the USS Eversole.

There will be a viewing of a History Channel film about D-Day and a discussion of the training and strategy behind the invasion Expeditionary Force under **Gen. Dwight Eisenhower**.

The program is from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Armstrong Wing, 2351 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart.

Amphibious base exhibit

A special World War II exhibit is now open at the St. Lucie County Historical Museum in Fort Pierce. "Away All Boats — Amphibious From Fort Pierce" commemorates the 60th anniversary of the closing of the U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base in Fort Pierce. Thousands of soldiers were trained at the base for amphibious landings at Normandy, Iwo Jima, Tarawa, Saipan and Okinawa in 1943.

Included in this exhibit is a re-creation of daily life in Fort Pierce for trainees and residents during the three years the base operated. The exhibit also features historic wartime artifacts and a 10-foot scale model of an amphibious assault ship used for training. Some photographs and memorabilia are on loan from local families, veterans and soldiers stationed in Fort Pierce.

